

AGRICULTURE may be said to be the normal occupation of mankind; commerce, mining and manufacture are all secondary to it; they are its mere adjuncts. Dr. Johnson says, "though mines of gold and silver should be exhausted, and the species made of them lost; though diamonds and pearls should remain concealed in the bowels of the earth and the womb of the sea; though commerce with strangers be prohibited; though all arts, which have no other object than splendour and embellishment, should be abolished; yet the fertility of the earth alone would afford an abundant supply for the occasions of an industrious people by furnishing subsistence for them and such armies as should be mustered in their defense." Since the days of Dr. Johnson science has done much for agriculture; not only are the implements used in the cultivation of the soil increased in number, variety and usefulness, but chemistry has taught us the kind of vegetation best adapted to a particular soil, and the artificial preparation of the soil for any particular class of vegetable by the addition of mineral or organic constituents. The latter advance in agricultural science is in a great measure only applicable to old and settled countries, as in Europe and the longest settled States of America, where the soil has been exhausted by continuous cultivation for many years. In a new Colony like ours, such artificial enrichment of the soil is unnecessary. The mountainous character of the Mainland of British Columbia makes the impoverishment of the soil a very remote possibility; atmospheric action, in causing the rocks to crumble, contributes a new supply of ingredients for the earth to replace those eliminated by the crop of the previous year; our noble rivers and rippling brooks all flowing to the seaboard, bring down their rich burden of alluvium, that is left upon the banks to be distributed over the land. In no part of this Colony do these advantages exist to a greater extent than in the valley of the lower Fraser. The land is wonderfully rich in all the elements of fertility, and yields a rich return with comparatively little toil. Rich in every constituent for cereals, it is equally adapted to root crops, and the rich grasses that spring up spontaneously make it of immense value as a cattle raising district; the butter and cheese produced in that section having already acquired a celebrity. The foothills offer splendid pasturage to sheep, but the farms are still infested with wolves and coyotes (although they are rapidly being destroyed) which makes the extension of sheep farming less rapid than it would otherwise be. Hogs thrive famously and pay well; wild roots are abundant, and the mast is everywhere plentiful in the forests. Horned cattle have already increased to considerable numbers, and those adapted for breeding command high prices. Who cannot see in all this a cornucopia whence plenty in all that makes a country happy and prosperous will flow in an endless stream? From there this Island will draw its supplies of most articles of food. We have tracts of fine land on Vancouver, sufficient, when brought under the plough, to feed ten times the population we have at present; but we are essentially, and will continue to be, a commercial, mining and maritime community, and in course of time the population of this Island will be so dense as to make it almost wholly dependent on the Mainland for the prime necessities of life. Thus the two sections of the Colony will be brought into the closest relationship; and will go hand in hand on the highway of prosperity, each being to each the aid and sustainer in the elements most required. What a pity it is that the industrious thousands in the British Isles cannot be attracted hitherward; the climate, the soil, the configuration of the country, are all most favorable to the British race, and vastly superior in every essential to anything attainable by people of moderate means in their own country. If there was any portion of this country which we desired to describe as a means of attraction to Englishmen, it would be the lower Fraser valley, where so many thousands of acres are lying ready for the plough; with a noble river flowing by, offering the easiest and cheapest mode of conveyance for the farmer's produce. This fine country, we believe, is destined to be soon peopled, and New Westminster, now so quiet, will become the busy entrepot for all the produce that must of necessity come down by the

Fraser: no other means of conveyance can supersede a navigable river for agricultural products. Thriving towns will stand on the sites of the sparse settlements that now dot the banks of the rapid flowing Fraser; and the difficulties of navigation will quietly disappear as wealth and population increase in the vicinity. Settlers who are struggling with the hardships always to be met with in a new country, may think we are painting the picture a little too much *couleur de rose*—but they must recollect that the same predictions were hazarded regarding Cincinnati and Chicago, with, in each case, a much smaller probability of realization—and look at them now! "Oh, yes; but then they are in the United States, which is governed by men who study the welfare of the people; whereas, we are saddled with an expensive form of government that is occupied in securing and making the most of the salaries that are wrung from our hard earnings." The Government of the United States is very well in its way; but that Government would have done very little if the people had not been possessed of that restless energy that overcomes all difficulties quite irrespective of governments. Our own Executive is nothing to boast of, but from the entire apathy of the people outsiders are led to think they have little to grumble about. The government belongs to the people, and if the people are too apathetic to seek a remedy, more ill-tempered invective will never supply them with one.

New Advertisements.

HOT BUNS
FOR GOOD FRIDAY.
Orders left by noon on Thursday will be executed early on Friday.
N. MURRAY,
Bakery, Fort street.

FOR OLYMPIA AND WAY PORTS.
STEAMER W. G. HUNT
CAPT. WM. WAITT.
Will sail from the Hudson Bay Company's wharf on Friday morning next, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock.
For Freight or Passage apply on board, or at the Hudson Bay Company's wharf office.

WANTED.
A FEMALE SERVANT, WAGES TO commence at \$25 per month, and to increase at the rate of \$1 per month for the first six months. Character from last employer indispensable.
Apply at this Office.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINING COMPANY (Limited).
THE UNDERSIGNED BEING A SHAREHOLDER in the abovesaid Company, disclaims all connection with the system adopted by the Directors for obtaining orders for work. He hereby expresses his opinion that the persons tendering were very unreasonably treated; their tenders were all rejected, and one of the directors, who had not so tendered, was paraded to the shareholders as the person who had got the contract, and he takes with him to the work a person who was formerly another Director (No. 2), and the shareholders are positively told that two other Directors (Nos. 3 & 4) are sureties for Director No. 1. Afterwards Nos. 3 & 4 having withdrawn a bit, thinking they can do better without responsibility, retire, and some one else is reported to have taken their place. What a happy family! Four Directors are a quorum. I will not still further humiliate the shareholders by comments.
G. HOUNSLOW,
Victoria, V.I., 23d March, 1869.

HOT BUNS
AT
PIPER'S
Government Street
ON
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS.
THE ATTENTION
OF
BUYERS
IS CALLED TO THE
WELL ASSORTED STOCK
OF
TOBACCO,
Havana Cigars,
MEERSCHAUM AND OTHER
PIPES,
Matches, Playing Cards,
Etc., Etc., Etc.
OF
L. & J. BOSCHOWITZ,
YATES STREET.
All of which are offered at
Cost
They positively being about to Close
Business.

FOR NANAIMO

THE STEAMER "FLY" CAPTAIN J. T. FRANK, will leave Port of the above at 7 a.m. on Thursday, 25th inst., with the Mail, passengers, and freight.
For particulars, apply on board.

New Advertisements.
NOTICE.
MR. JOHN VOGEL, HOLDING MY POWER OF ATTORNEY during my absence from this Colony, Victoria, 20th March, 1869.
WM. LOHSE.
In THE SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL JUSTICE, V. I., IN BANKRUPTCY.
Thos. Mann and Malcolm Munro, Bankrupts
THE ABOVE NAMED BANKRUPT, MALCOLM MUNRO, will appear before His Honor Chief Justice Neudham on Wednesday, the 31st day of March instant, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House, James Bay, to pass his first liquidation.
ROBERT BISHOP, Solicitor.
Dated 17th March, 1869.

Fellows, Roscoe & Co.
OFFER FOR SALE,
Ex "PRINCE OF WALES" "CECROPS" and other recent arrivals from England.
IN AND OUT OF BOND.
Scotch Plows, and Turnip Cutters.
62 cases Paper Hangings, ex "Cecrops."
English Wrapping Paper.
15 cases "Sanderson & Naylor's" Pick Steel,
Sheet Iron, R. G. and common, assorted sizes.
Tin Plate, Wire, Block Tin, &c.
"Morton's" Pickles, 50 cases.
Candles, 150 cases 25lb.
Matches, wood.
Sardines in quarter and half tins, 50 ca.
French Leather, Calf and Kip; a large assortment, sold in any quantities.
Lined Oil and Paints.
Glassware, cut and pressed Bar Tumblers, Wines, &c.
Thread, Shoe and Saddlers'; "Barbours" Twines, assorted colors and kinds.
18 cases Zinc.
Swedish Iron, Bar Iron, all sizes; Hoop, Etc., Etc., Etc.
A full assortment always on hand at the Store of English and American Hardware and other Staple Goods, Electro-Plated Ware, Cutlery, &c.
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X 10 U 8 YOUR THIRST!
THE DEW-DROP INN,
[FORMERLY CARROLL'S.]
YATES ST., VICTORIA, V. I.
CHARLES McHARDY,
The Pioneer Barkeeper,
HAVING RE-OPENED THIS POPULAR old Bar, invites all his friends to
EXTENUATE THEIR THIRST
With the Choicest Brands of
WINES, LIQUORS AND ALES
Which he will commence to dispense at
2 O'CLOCK, THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON
at DEW-DROP INN—
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MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.
A LECTURE
WILL BE GIVEN ON
Tuesday Evening, 23d March, 1869,
BY THE
REV. MR. JENNS,
SUBJECT,
ELECTRICITY.
To commence at 8 o'clock.
ADMISSION—Members, Free; non-subscribers, Gentlemen, 50 cents; Ladies and Children, 25 cents.
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NOTICE.
In Re Wilson & Murray's Estate.
ALL DEBTORS TO THIS ESTATE
Are requested to pay their Accounts to the undersigned, who is alone authorized to receipt for the same, by order of the Trade Assignees.
J. G. NORRIS.
Victoria, B. C., March 20, 1869.

FOR VICTORIA, V. I.

THE BANK
CAMDEN,
Now loading at San Francisco, will positively sail on the 1st of April for this Port.
For particulars apply to
PICKETT & HARRISON,
Front St., San Francisco.
MILLARD & BEEDY.
ma22 Victoria Agents.

DEDICATION
OF
St. Andrew's Church
ON SABBATH, 4th APRIL.

IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO HAVE
the Services on the occasion as follows:
Morning Service at 11 o'clock
Afternoon " " 3 " "
Evening " " 7 " "
Attendance will be given in the Church on the evenings of Wednesday, the 24th, and Thursday, the 25th inst., to allocate and Rent the Pews.
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MR. SEBRIGHT GREEN,
BROUGHTON STREET, VICTORIA,
DEGS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE
following Price List of pure and dry Sherries, now for Sale by him in Bottle or Bulk,
Ex "PRINCE OF WALES."

Amontillado Sherry, A very dry wine, per doz. \$15 50
Oloroso Sherry, A delicious pure Sherry, per doz. \$14 50
Golden Sherry, A fine flavored wine, per doz. \$13 50
Manzanilla Sherry, A dry, exquisitely pure wine, per doz. \$12 50
Brown Sherry, A pure bodied wine, per doz. \$12 00
Pale Sherry, P, A pure light wine, per doz. \$11 00
Pale Sherry, N. Z. S., A dry and light wine, per doz. \$10 00
Falso Sherry, S., A sound dinner wine, per doz. \$ 9 00
The above wines are warranted pure and unadulterated and have been selected in Spain expressly for the undersigned.
SEBRIGHT GREEN,
Broughton Street, below Government.

Auction Sales.
Lumley Franklin,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION & REAL ESTATE AGENT
DEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street, nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express office. Having had eleven years' experience in the Auction business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support.
AUCTION.
REAL ESTATE SALE
Desirable Business and other Property.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Is instructed to sell by Public Auction On Thursday, 25th March, 1869, at his Salesroom, Yates street, at 12 o'clock noon.
Town Lot No. 737 Chatham street, " " No. 738 adjoining.
—ALSO—
View street Property—House and Lot on View street, No. 790, near Quadra street, a desirable Homestead.
—ALSO—
Corner Lot No. 792, with a frontage of 120 feet on Quadra street and 60 feet on View street.
—ALSO—
Business Property on Store street, situate on the corner of Store and Discovery streets, 60 by 80 feet, forming part of Lots 507 and 508.
And other Property to be hereafter announced.
Deeds at Buyer's expense.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
ma20 Auctioneer.

Blankets! Blankets!
NOW LANDING EX "CECROPS," AND for sale by the undersigned.
2 1-2 Point, White, Blue, Red and Green
3 Point, White Red and Green
ma16 FINDLAY & DURHAM
Crosse & Blackwell's
OILMEN'S STORES.
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED, ex "Prince of Wales," in Bond or Duty paid.
Pickles, Salad Oil and Mustard
Table Salt, in round glass jars
Jams & Jellies, and Marmalade
Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce, in pints and half pints.
ma16 FINDLAY & DURHAM.
Sandwich Island
SUGAR, No. 1.
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED, in Bond or Duty Paid.
FINDLAY & DURHAM.
THOMAS RUSSELL,
GROCE & PROVISION
DEALER.
GOVERNMENT STREET
Opp. the Colonial Hotel.
Goods delivered in any part of the City and Esquimalt FREE OF CHARGE.
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JOHN WEILER,
FORT STREET NEAR BROAD
HAS ALWAYS ON HAND AND MAKES to Order
Spring, Hair, Wool, Pulu and Straw
MATRESSES, LOUNGES, &c.
ALSO ON HAND
Wall-Paper, Carpets, Mahogany and Brass Window Poles, Window Blinds, &c.
AND A VARIETY OF UPHOLSTERY GOODS.
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THE SEED STORE, - - - - **YATES STREET**
Springfield Nursery, - - - - Cook street, and
James' Bay Nursery, - - - - Michigan street,
VICTORIA, V.I.
JAY & BALES
In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand
THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF
Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds
Ever offered on this Coast.
Special attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.
A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples the above.
J. & B. have on the way from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardeners
FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Tulips and other Nursery Stock securely packed for travel.
Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual.
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New Advertisements.
Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.
MITCHELL & JOHNSTON
Offer for sale a full assortment of
New Seeds for the Farm and Garden,
The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.
The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds, Carrots, &c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony.
Of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in cultivation] is unrivalled, and of
FLOWER SEEDS
Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.
Just received per "Prince of Wales."
Garden Ironmongery, Saynor's Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &c.
Printed Catalogues to be had at the SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort street, or at NURSERY GROUNDS, Port street.
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Scotch House.
A. M'LEAN & CO
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
[LARGE] AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery
GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO,—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap.
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To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
GOVERNMENT STREET, opposite the Theatre, VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces,
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also Hand in Great Variety.
ma27 Wm. DENNY, Manager
EXPRESS
For Kootenay, Perry Creek, and intermediate Stations of Semikame-n, Kamama, Osooyos Lake, Rock Creek and Fort Shepherd.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING MADE arrangements with the ARPS EXPRESS for the conveyance of matter over their route, their offices throughout British Columbia will receive Letters, parcels, &c., which will be forwarded regularly twice each month. An Express will be dispatched from the Victoria office every alternate Friday. Through trip in about 15 days.
The First Express under this arrangement will leave Victoria on Friday, 12th inst.
Collections, Commissions, and all business in the Express line punctually attended to.
ma9 3m JOHN JOHNSTON.
SALESROOM, FIREPROOF BUILDING, WHARF ST., COR. FORT
J. L. FISHER
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.
REFERS TO
Messrs. Spry & Co., Messrs. Jackson, Campbell, Capt. Ed. Stamp, J. R. Stewart, Esq., Robert Burnaby, Esq.
GREAT REDUCTION
TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.
ENCOURAGE
HOME MANUFACTURE
THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES pleasure in announcing a Great Reduction in the Prices of his
CANDIES, ALMOND
Gum Drops Tondant's Caramel Drops Chocolate Cream Burned Almonds.
And all other kinds without end, will be sold at 75 per cent.
WHOLESALE PRICES TO CORRESPOND.
CHEAPER THAN IN SAN FRANCISCO
A. W. PIPER,
Government Street

BASS' DRAUGHT ALE.
(CONSIGNMENTS OF SUPERIOR SHERRIES, Brandy, Whiskies, Gins, and Ales and Porters in quarts and pints.
In Bond or duty paid
For Sale by
J. L. FISHER,
Cor. Wharf and Fort streets.
J. RUEFF,
Dealer in
Groceries & Provisions,
WHARF STREET. ma17

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

March 23.—Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Pt Townsend
Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich.
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CLEARED.

March 23.—Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich.
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PASSENGERS.

Per schr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—O King, Capt. L. W. and wife, Mrs. O. King, Robert, Forke, McIntosh, Macbeth, Fowler, Lane, W. Taylor, C. Baker, Amos, Vaughan, Robertson, Morrison, Caynes, Myers, Haller, Quinn, Carro, Church, I. Montgomery, Hines, Dally, Roberts, Gallagher, Jones, Logan, Morrill, Mansfield, Lane, Kelly, T. F. Fidler, Hill, J. G. Murray Johnson, & Chalmers, 8 Indians.

IMPORTS.

Per schr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—15 hd cattle, 3 hogs, 324 sheep, 10 carcases mutton, 50 skins 1 bag seed, 1 bx butter, 10 kgs oysters.

Per schr EXPERIMENT, from Port Townsend.—20 tons hay, 180 bushels oats, 30 doz eggs, 1 doz chickens. Value, \$370.

CONSIGNEES.

Per schr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—Starford & Hicken, T. Harris, Jackson, Hill, Murray, Jay & Bates, J. R. Stewart, Order.

Auction Sales To-day.

A. F. MAIN.—Wharf street, will sell, at 12 o'clock noon, at his salesroom, a Farm at Saanich, also Town Lots, &c., &c.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.—Wharf street, will sell at 11 o'clock, on the premises lately occupied by Mrs. Julius David, on Pandora street, all the Household Furniture, Books, &c., &c.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—MR. JENN'S LECTURES.

Last night the Rev. P. Jenns delivered a highly scientific, interesting and instructive lecture on "Electricity," before the Mechanics' Institute. The audience was sufficiently large to indicate that lectures of a purely scientific character are appreciated by our citizens, and yet not so large as we think the attractive nature of the subject and in the able manner in which it was treated, merited. The reverend lecturer first gave a concise history of the science, from the time that an ancient Greek philosopher named Thales discovered the, to him very remarkable fact, that by rubbing a piece of amber on some other object some mysterious power was developed in the former, whereby light substances were attracted to it. In the writings of Thales, the first mention of electricity is found. Theophrastus is the next of the ancient writers who mention it. Medical writers, so long ago as 300 before Christ mention a fish called a torpedo that was capable of giving electric shocks to other fish. Pliny makes no allusion to the subject. From the time of these primitive observations of electrical phenomena no progress in the science was made until the last century when an interest in it revived. It has now attained the proportions of a colossal science, and yet its greatest triumphs only prove that in it there are things scarcely—if at all—"dream't of in our philosophy." In the last century vitreous and resinous electricity were discovered—so called from the different kinds of bodies by means of which they were developed. The rev. lecturer then proceeded to exemplify by experiments many of the most interesting phenomena of electricity, such as the ringing of bells, imparting motion to the pendulum of a clock, a wheel, &c. In conclusion he stated that it is not improbable that before long electricity will be utilized as one of the greatest motive powers of the age.

THE TERMINUS.—The question of the terminus of the Puget Sound Railway continues to agitate the public mind of our neighbors. The people of Olympia are confident that the line will end at their city; the Steilacoomers are equally certain that it will stop there, the Seattle folk are willing to wager any amount upon the iron steed "putting up" at their present little town, for they have not a "Terminus Hotel" already in full blast? Port Townsend, too, has advanced her claims as the stopping point; and between all these towns and their rival interests, speculators must have a pleasant existence. Land at all the places named has greatly advanced in value, some buyers acting upon the principle that it is better to "hedge" and own property in every town, as they are certain that at least one out of the four must prove the terminus. It is now said, however, that Nisqually, a location situated about midway between Steilacoom and Olympia, has been selected, and the attention of capitalists is turned in that direction. But nothing is positively known; and it is more than probable that even railroad men themselves are in doubt, and that no terminus will be selected until the arrival on Puget Sound of Mr. Holladay from Portland.

The Portland Library Association have sent us their annual report in the form of a very neatly got-up pamphlet. The financial position of the association is satisfactory, and every effort is being made by means of lectures to place the Committee in a position to add new books to the already large number now forming the library. We wish them every success. The report does credit to the pen of Mr. M. P. Deady, the President of the association. The library contains 2,673 volumes; \$1,667 were received in 1868, and \$2,304.84 expended during the same period, \$634 of which were applied to the purchase of books.

The Tigress steam fire engine, at noon today, will commence to pump the water out of the cistern at the corner of Johnson and Store streets, with the object of removing the mud that has collected therein.

The ship Regent has been chartered at San Francisco by Moody & Co, to take in a cargo of lumber at their mills for a foreign port.

THE MEADOWS.—Nearly a month has elapsed since the (so-called) miners' expression of opinion concerning the proposed lease of the Meadows on William Creek reached the Government, and still that expression has not been rejected nor has the proposition of the applicants for the lease been refused. In the meantime precious time is flitting, and soon the season will be too far advanced for operations commenced this year to prove of any practical benefit until next. The parties who made the application are awaiting an answer, so that, in case it be unfavorable, they may go elsewhere and invest their means in a country where their capital will be gladly welcomed.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—Yesterday a meeting of the Committee of Diocesan Church Society was held at Angela College. His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia presided. The following gentlemen were present: The Chief Justice, Very Rev. Dean Cridge, Rev. E. Hayman, Hon. Attorney General Crense, Capt. Mist, R. N. S. J. Sparks, R. N. Drake, Ward, Gribbell, Burnaby, McCreight, Finlayson, Robertson, Macdonald, and Alston. Several measures affecting the work in the diocese were discussed, with a view to putting them in a satisfactory shape before the Bishop leaves for England, which we understand he intends to do at an early day.

FROM THE KOOTENAI MINES.—News has been received at Portland, Oregon, by letter, to the effect that a great many of the people in the neighborhood of Fort Colville have gone to the Kootenai mines during the winter and many more are going this spring. There is a talk of opening a new trail to these mines as soon as the snows on the mountains shall be sufficiently melted to allow of work. It is estimated that a large amount of goods will be sent into Kootenai during the coming season.

COWICHAN CATHOLIC MISSION.—The Catholic Indian Mission of Cowichan District is progressing very favorably. A large number of young girls are regular attendants of the Mission School, which is under the control of the Sisters of St. Ann, and have made astonishing progress during the past year. It is the intention of the Sisters, we understand, to bring a number of these pupils to Victoria in June, when the annual examination of the scholars of the Convent School will be held.

SALE OF THE BYZANTIUM.—Mr. A. F. Main yesterday sold the brig Byzantium at auction. The sale took place on Sprout & Co.'s Wharf. The attendance was numerous. The first bid was \$2000; the second \$2500, at which figure the vessel hung for some minutes and then after considerable coaxing on the part of the auctioneer, the bids ran up to \$2800, at the brig was knocked down to Mr. J. Robertson Stewart. The Byzantium was built in 1844 and is considered a staunch vessel.

THE LARGEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD.—The Central Pacific Railroad Company has erected a building 22 miles long, sixteen feet wide, and sixteen feet high, over that portion of their track that winds across the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The object of the building is to protect the track from snow drift, which would otherwise block it up and prevent travel during two or three months of winter. The building is the largest in the world.

MEADOW LAKE, a mushroom town, which sprung up on the Central Pacific railroad, two years ago, and at one time boasted a city government, two theatres, thirteen hotels, etc., has now a population of thirty-five, and a building that cost \$6,000 was sold the other day for \$75.

The bills of the fire engine companies were rung last night about 11½ o'clock, and the firemen generally promptly responded to the summons, but there was no necessity for their services. The alarm had been occasioned by the ignition of some rubbish in front of the match factory on the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

YOUTHFUL JENUS.—Two young lads were taken into custody yesterday on a charge of stealing a whip from Williams' bus. The little scamps climbed to the top of the stage during the absence of the driver and abstracted the whip.

The steamer Fly will not sail for Nanaimo until tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Capt. Fain having been detained on his trip to San Juan yesterday, longer than he expected.

The steamer Eliza Anderson got in from the Sound at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. She brought 42 passengers and a great load of sheep and other live stock. At 12 o'clock noon, to-day, the Anderson will start on her return.

FEAST OF THE PASSOVER.—On Friday evening the Feast of the Passover will commence. Mr. Moncks, of Store Street, will prepare the Ma zoth.

GEN. BLAIR.—A California paper learns that General Blair will visit the Pacific coast early in April, coming overland. Blair was lately candidate for Vice President of the United States.

The Wilson G Hunt will not leave Victoria on her return to Puget Sound until 3 o'clock Friday morning. She will arrive to night from the Sound.

The Bates Troupe are playing again at Portland. They have been reinforced by additional talent from San Francisco.

It is calculated that it will take seven days to go from San Francisco, by railroad to Philadelphia, a distance of 3,300 miles.

It is reported that anthracite coal has been discovered on Lewis River, Washington Territory.

SALMON TROUT have appeared in market. They are "netted" in the outer harbor.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton of H. M. S. Zealous, will preach at Christ Church on Good Friday, 26th inst.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In the House, the substitute for the Alaska Fur-protecting Bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce. The bill lets out to the highest bidder the privilege of killing 100,000 seals annually. It is urged that only natives of Alaska are paying \$1 per skin.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A special says—Boutwell gives a satisfactory account of the condition of the finances. He thinks no additional financial legislation is necessary at present. He has abundance of money, and he indicates his purpose of not to keep a large amount on hand, but to use it for his in the purchase and cancelling of bonds; claiming that there is ample authority for such purchase under existing laws. He is opposed to secret sales of gold.

Cuba.

HAVANA, March 19.—The revolutionists are burning many plantations and creating the wildest terror. The insurgents are impressing slaves into the army. They have destroyed the railroad between Alvarez and Maragua. Nevertheless, the Government continually claims the victory. The insurgents have burned five of the largest plantations in the jurisdiction of Laguna Lagranda.

Europe.

VIENNA, March 19.—A decree is published establishing trial by jury for Press offences.

YOKAHAMA, via LONDON, March 19.—The Foreign Ministers have announced the termination of the civil war in Japan, and have withdrawn their proclamation of neutrality.

BERLIN, March 19.—Dr. Watzman is preparing to send out a new Polar Expedition, which will sail in June.

LONDON, March 20.—Gladstone's disestablishing bill was again debated at great length in the House of Commons last night. Sir John Girdle, Liberal from Kilkenny, regarded the Established Church of Ireland as a badge of conquest; he said it must be abolished. John Bright supported the bill in a long and able speech. After quoting several authorities in regard to the influence of the Established Church on the sentiments of the people, he said England's old policy rendered Ireland more ultra-montane than any country in Europe. Catholicism was not only a matter of faith but of patriotism, for which the Irish are ready to suffer and die. Irishmen in the United States and Australia are watching anxiously the result of this great question. The entire Fenian project is kept alive by sympathy of the Americans under the idea that England never did justice to Ireland. Bright concluded by saying this measure would have the approval of the Supreme Being, for it was founded on principles of mercy and justice.

Africa.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, March 19.—The waters have been successfully admitted from Bitter Lake through the Suez Canal.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The schr. Amanda Ayer, which arrived in port yesterday from the northwest coast, reports that on the 19th February, when off the Chumash Islands, she hit two very heavy shocks of an earthquake, which lasted 20 seconds.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Legal Tenders 77¼@78¼.

Flour—City brands, unchanged.

Wheat—Coast at \$1 45@1 55; fair to good, bay miller, \$1 55@1 60; good to choice do., \$1 60@1 65.

Barley—Feed, \$1 85@2 10; brewing, \$2 05@2 20.

Oats—California, \$1 85@2 10; Oregon, \$2 05@2 15.

Arrived, 22nd—Steamer Continental from Portland.

Second Dispatch.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Geo. C. Harriman, many years connected with the California, Oregon & Mexico Steamship Company, died suddenly at his residence last night of the heart disease.

Legal Tenders, 77¼@77¾. No New York quotations.

The Liverpool grain circular of February 13th came to hand last evening. The market was quoted at 11s. 4d. for good average lots of California wheat, with a declining tendency. Our last cable telegram from Liverpool was dated Saturday and quoted the market there 9s. 8d. Private advices in connection with the above circular stated that the weather had been unusually favorable for the season of the year, and that crops were in an advanced condition.

The Macedon arrived last evening with 200,000 pounds of sugar for the S. Francisco and Pacific Refinery. The John Bright arrived from Central America on Sunday with 400,000 pounds. The market is in a comfortable condition with respect to supplies, though prices continued firm at the recent advance produce market.

Flour—100 tons, Imperial, will be shipped to New York by the next Panama steamer. The description is held at \$5 25; city brands are jobbing as follows: Superfine in sacks, per 106 pounds, \$4 37½@4 62½; extra, in sacks, \$5 37½@5 50.

Wheat—Market quiet at \$1 45@1 55, for common to fair; and \$1 55@1 60, per 100 pounds, for fair to choice; inferior quotations all almost unobtainable, at the same time no good demand for choice.

Barley—340 sacks, brewing, \$2; 300 sacks brewing, \$2 12½; market quiet and prices very irregular. The nominal range for feed is \$1 85@2 10; and for brewing, \$2 05@2 20 per 100 pounds.

Oats—California, are held at \$1 75@2 10; and Oregon at \$2 05@2 15 per 100 pounds.

Arrived—Dark Brothers, from Seabeck, Cleared, March 23rd—Ship Regent, Ruffari Inlet.

A. GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Salesroom, Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street, near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

Auction.

LAND AT ESQUIMALT

FOR SALE.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice,

V. I., in Bankruptcy.

In Re A. D. McDonald, a Bankrupt.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell by

Public Auction, at their Salesroom,

Wharf Street, on

SATURDAY.

27th March inst., at 12 o'clock noon,

By order of the Trade Assignee in the

above Estate.

All that Tract of Land part of Section

19, situate at the entrance of the Town

of Esquimalt, and extending from Esqui-

malt Harbor, on the North to the Straits

on the South, containing 6 Acres of Land

or thereabouts, with Water Frontage on

both the Harbor and Straits.

A Plan of the Property, also conditions

of Sale, can be seen at our Office, or at

the Office of MR. ROBERT BISHOP,

Bastion Street, Solicitor to the Estate.

Acts of Sale at Buyer's expense.

J. P. DAVIES,

Auctioneer.

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ADMIRALTY SALE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. have received

instructions from Admiral the Hon.

G. F. Hastings to sell by Public Auction

at the Navy Yard, Esquimalt, Thurs-

day, 25th March, at 11 o'clock, the

following condemned Stores:

101 Iron Casks, 0-2-4 Tiller Hide

Rope, 10 tons 1 cwt 3 qrs 3 lbs cordage

paper stuff, Old China, 6 cwt 3 qrs 19lb

Cast Iron, 18 cwt 2 qrs 9 lbs Wrought

Iron, 20 cwt 3 qrs 24 lbs Rags, Paper

stuff, Old Glass, 14 cwt 2 qrs 15 lbs Rags

painted stuff, 1592 lbs Old Steel, 2 qrs

24 lbs Indian rubber, vulcanized.

VICTUALING.—Biscuit, Biscuit

dust, Bags, Cook's Fat, old iron Hoops

Wood Cases.

ALSO—Unserviceable Clothing, 16

Beds, 87 Blankets, 47 Bed Covers,

Wrappers, &c., &c.

ALSO—A Lot of Medical Stores.

J. P. DAVIES,

Auctioneer,

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A UCTION

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Have received instructions to sell

by Public Auction, by order and for

account of the Mortgagee, on the pre-

mises lately occupied by Mrs. Julius

David, Pandora street, adjoining the

Synagogue,

THIS DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The following well-kept modern

FURNITURE:

Handsome Parlor Set Furniture, Can-

pels, Astral Lamps,

A Superior tricorn overstrung

Kirkman's Cottage Piano

in Walnut Case,

Centre and Side Tables, Lounges, Sofas,

Chairs, Sideboards, Extension Tables,

Rocking Chairs, Brussels Carpets, Cur-

tains, Table Covers, Blinds, Looking

Glasses, Coal Oil Lamps, Knives and

Forks, Waiters, Glassware, China Tea

Sets, Silverware, Steel Engravings, Hat

Rack, Oilcloth, Stair Carpet and Rods.

100 Volumes Reading

Matter.

Handsome Walnut Wardrobe, Bedstead,

Bureau, Marble-top Washstand and

Tables, China Chamber Sets, Spring and

Hair Mattresses, Bedding, painted Cham-

ber Set, Bed and Bedding, and the usual

Kitchen Furniture.

ALSO—1 No. 20 Plough, Whipple-

trees, Harrow, 1 Brewer's Dray, 1 stand-

Cart, 1 dump Cart, reaping and other

Seythes, lot of Garden Tools, lot cart har-

ness and Plough, 2 Chaff Cutters, 1 50-

gallon Boiler, a fine Durham Cow, 12 fat

Geese, &c., &c. Terms Cash.

J. P. DAVIES,

Auctioneer.

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Auction Sales.

A. F. Main,

AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. Salesroom, Brick Store, Wharf Street, in city occupied by P. M. Back.

Advances made on Consignments.

Auction.

A. F. MAIN

Will sell by Public Auction at his Sale-

room, Wharf street, on Wednesday,

24th March, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon.

THIS DAY

THE FARM

AT SAANICH

Lately occupied by Mr George Thomas,

being Section 17, Range III W, con-

taining about 57 Acres, more or less.

On the Premises are an excellent

Dwelling House, a Capacious Barn, good

Stabling and Well of Water, Piggeries

and Out-houses

There is also a large Garden well

stocked with the best kinds of Apple,

Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees, all in full

bearing. From 14 to 16 Acres of the

finest kind of Land are Fenced and under

cultivation.

The Property fronts on the Saanich

Inlet, on a Bay in which schooners can

approach close to the shore and take in

cargo.

—ALSO—

Town Lot No 1164, corner Vancouver

and Meares streets.

Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense.

A. F. MAIN,

Auctioneer.

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AUCTION.

A. F. MAIN

Is instructed by Capt Stamp to sell by

Auction on

THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, AT 11 A. M.

At his residence on Park street, all

his well-kept

Household Furniture,

Consisting in part of the following:

1 handsome Drawingroom Set with

